

OVERVIEW OF GRANDPARENTS AS CAREGIVERS

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GRANDPARENTS AS CAREGIVERS ACT (K.S.A. 38-144)

- The relationship between a child and a parent differs from the relationship between a child and a grandparent.
- Society and the demands and needs of the members of society change between the time a person raises a child and the time the same person raises a grandchild.
- Caring for a grandchild often places additional financial, social and psychological strain on grandparents.
- Different parenting skills are necessary when raising a grandchild.
- Grandparents acting as caregivers need a support structure.
- Grandparents are often unaware of other assistance for which they may be eligible.

GPCG TIMELINE

- Funded by SGF 01/01/2007 – 06/30/2009
- 2009 state budget reductions
- Caseload transferred to TANF
- Implications of reinstating GPCG program
 - Would require SGF not currently budgeted

	FAMILIES	CHILDREN	EXPENDITURE
FY 2008 SGF	146	286	\$645,947
FY 2009 SGF	164	314	\$712,717
CURRENT TANF	982	1,612	\$2,815,308

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK OPPORTUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT (PRWORA) OF 1996



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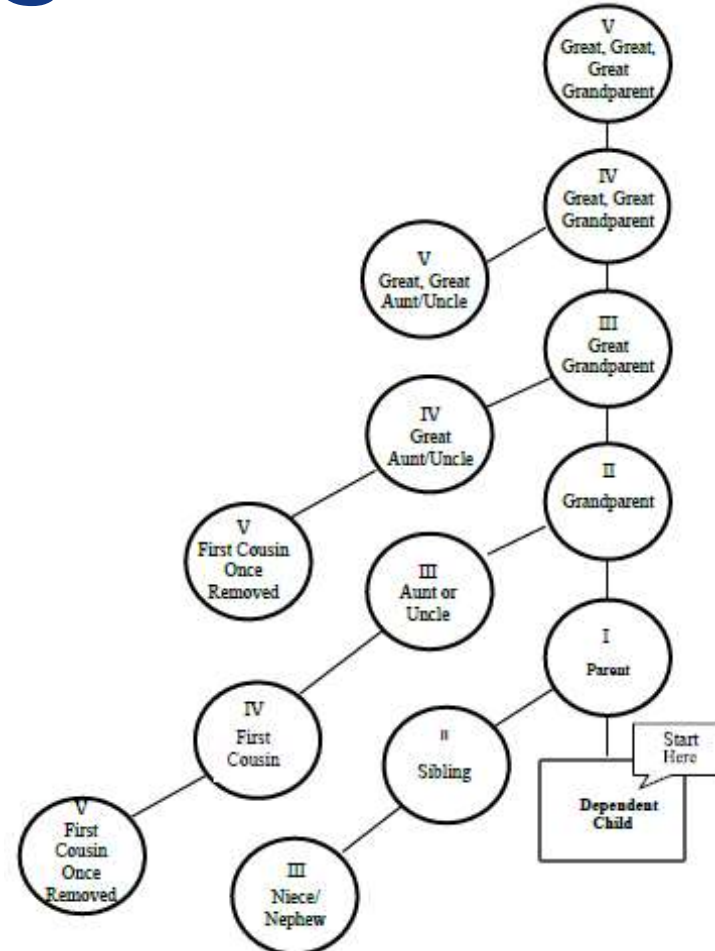
STATES, TRIBES AND TERRITORIES

TANF BROAD PURPOSES

- Provide assistance to needy families so that children can be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives
- End the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage
- Prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies
- Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families

TANF RELATIONSHIPS

- The relationship between the caretaker and the dependent child must be within the fifth degree of kinship as defined by civil law.
- Verification of relationship to the dependent child is required in all non-parental situations.
- A non-relative adult may apply for a pregnant or parenting minor if the adult meets the relationship criteria to the minor's unborn child or child.



GPCG NON-FINANCIAL COMPARISON



	SGF FUNDED	TANF FUNDED
Application and interview	Required	Required
Child's living arrangement	Child must live with grandparent or relative who has legal custody.	Legal custody is not required. Child must live with a relative, legal guardian or custodian.
Minimum age of grandparent/relative	50 years	No minimum age requirement
Maximum age of child	Under age 18 or under age 21 if in secondary or post secondary school	Under age 18 or under age 19 if pursuing high school diploma or GED
Child Support Services	Cooperation not required.	Cooperation is required. Good cause rules may apply.

GPCG FINANCIAL COMPARISON



	SGF FUNDED	TANF FUNDED
Income limit	Countable household income must be less than 130% of federal poverty level.	Child's countable income must not exceed the monthly TANF benefit.
Resource/asset limit	None	Child's countable assets (e.g., savings account or checking account) must be less than \$2,500.
Typical monthly cash benefit	\$200 for one child \$400 for two children \$600 for three children or more	\$168 - \$186 for one child \$263 - \$284 for two children \$349 - \$375 for three children *add \$61 for each additional child

GPCG FINANCIAL COMPARISON



	SGF FUNDED	TANF FUNDED
Child Care Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Household's countable income must be less than 250% of federal poverty level.• Possible family share deduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Income is not considered.• No family share deduction
Other assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grandparent/caregiver must apply for free and reduced lunch program (KSDE).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children qualify for free and reduced lunch program (KSDE).

QUESTIONS?
